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Upcoming Events

Bhagavad Gita Chapter IV Discourse by Swami Ishwarananda	Dec 14, 21 Jan Sundays	9:00 am - 10:15 am 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Fundamentals of Vedanta Lectures by Acharya Mahadevanji	Every Sunday	9:00 am - 10:15 am 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Valmiki Ramayan Discourse Series by Swami Ishwarananda	Dec 15-19	6:30 am - 7:30 am 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Guided Vedic Chanting by Swami Ishwarananda	Dec 20	6:30 am - 7:30 am
Valmiki Ramayan Discourse Series by Swami Ishwarananda	Jan 5-9	6:30 am - 7:30 am 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Special Kalanjali Event: Screening of Movie “Chittagong” Jan 10 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**** For reservation, please call Raj Mantha 714-469-6268**

CHYK Class: Break the Bondage with Swami Ishwarananda	Jan 14	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Rameshwaram Fifth Anniversary	Jan 17	8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Announcing Date

Bhagavad Gita Chanting International Competition (Chapter 15): CMLA Prelims April 25, 2015

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Thus Spake The Master

*Faith is the secret power in all spiritual students
with which they steam forth
on their path of seeking the 'Unknown and the Unknowable'.
Without this Faith born out of true and deep understanding,
no consistent spiritual sadhana is ever possible.*

- Swami Chinmayananda

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THINK!

*Knowledge begins from looking outside
and it makes you look outside.
Wisdom dawns from looking within
and it makes you start look from within.*

- Swami Ishwarananda

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CMLA Delights In Youth-Driven Tunes

The Santa Ana High School wore a festive look on Nov.8 with the entrance festooned in floral decorations. The courtyard buzzed with activity while the man orange welcomed guests at the entrance. This was humility personified – this was Swami Ishwarananda, standing at the entrance warmly receiving everyone for Sevanjali 2014!



This warmth of the heart also extended to the stomach with sumptuous snacks and hot chai from Jay Bharat. Children from ages 5-12 years had a special magic show by Cameron South. This kept the parents free to enjoy the musical evening free of babysitting duties. Once again, an example of how this organization takes care of everyone.



This year the fragrance at Sevanjali was that of the Youth. The youth that germinated in the womb of CEEP, bloomed in the balavihar classes and fructified as part of CHYK! This program actually answered a lot of questions of what the mission does and what is the impact of the learning at balavihar on the kids born and brought up in the US.



Sevanjali 2014 presented ‘Yuva Tunes – Bhakti Beats’ a vocal and instrumental evening by CM’s very own - four highly accomplished students – Ashwin Krishnan Subramaniam, Laxmi Chandrashekhar, Sanchit Malhotra and Devesh Vashishtha.

The emcees Raju Chellappa and Ramya Radhakrishnan opening explained the theme of the evening as a ‘Fusion of East meets West’ indicating that the songs, bhajans and poems for the evening were the original Indian renditions, however, the melody was western.

In introducing the idea of this program, Swamiji explained how Bhakti Beats translates to heart beats; when bhakti or devotion is woven into melody- the resulting fusion is what the group presented in ‘Yuva Tunes’. “Bhakti in its evolved form is transformational in nature,” said Swamiji.

The musical renditions comprised of the Mukundmala, Sankat Mochan, Radhe Shyam and the favorite - the Guru Stotram that all kids which every balavihar child chants.

Shashi Acharya, chair of the foundation committee presented the financial figures and the astounding one was that just 1 penny on a dollar was spent in total expense of the Resident Swami! The foundation committee was called on stage and thanked for their dedication and hard work.

Khyati and Dr. Jagdish Bhatt dedicated volunteers and balavihar parents spoke about the value the mission and how it has enriched their lives.



Acharya Mahadevi too was ecstatic with the program and beautifully encapsulated the essence of the program; he said, “ the Rhythm of the body, Melody of the mind, Harmony of the soul create the Symphony of the life.”

The program ended with a boxed dinner for all and everyone taking prasad and pictures with Swami ‘God Happy’ or Ishwarananda and Acharya Mahadevanji. Everyone’s generous contributions helped raise more than \$300,000 for CMLA.

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CHYK Online Class With Swamiji Begins

CHYK presents
break the bondage
Online CHYK class by Swami Ishwarananda
Based on the text ‘Bhaja Govindam’

Want to know more about:
- How to break free from the shackles of the mind?
- How to realize the limitless potential in you?
- How to perform better while handling the challenges of college life?

Who: College students
When: Second Wednesday of Every Month
Next Class: 14th January, 2015
Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Where: Video conference: <https://www.zoommeeting.com/j22-048-699>
Contact: Anoop Homekari anoophomekari@gmail.com Call: (510)499-9619

CHYKs on Nov.12, logged on for the first of a continuing series of online classes with Swami Ishwarananda. Simply titled ‘Break the Bondage,’ the class deals with the complex mind and how to break free from its shackles. If this can be done, says Swamiji, it is possible to realize your limitless potential and handle the challenges of college life.

From the first talk onward, the content of Swamiji’s webcast was full of practical matters which if applied could help in overcoming the ego, the cause of all negativities. Swamiji’s talks will be drawn from *Bhaja Govindam* of Adi Sankara.

Slated to be online on the second Wednesday of every month, the CHYK will have ample time and opportunity to discuss, practice and mull over what they have heard.

To listen to the recorded session, please go to www.chinmayachannel.com or check out [class details](#) on CMLA’s website. The next session is scheduled for Jan.14, 2015.

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Chant Bhagavad Gita on 12/2

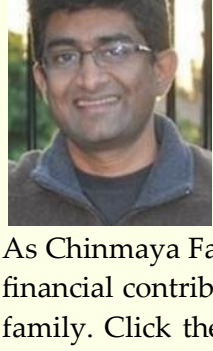
This year, Gita Jayanti and Tapovan Jayanti will be celebrated on Dec 2.

Gita Jayanti is commemorated as the “birthday” of the Divine Mother Bhagavad Gita, the day when the eternal knowledge of establishing our relationship with the Lord was revealed by Lord Shri Krishna Himself to Arjuna in the battlefield of Kurukshetra. The same day is also memorialized as the birthday of Swami Tapovan Maharaj-ji, the very embodiment of deep devotion and highest spiritual realization; who was also the Guru of our Beloved Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji.

On this day of spiritual importance, *svadhyaya* (self-study) is a tradition and is greatly encouraged. Let us all chant Chapters 2, 3, 6, 8, 12 & 15 of Bhagavad Gita in our own homes and pray for the Lord’s grace and Guru’s blessings to be able to internalize the essence of this Holy Scripture.

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Condolences for the Shah family



Chinmaya Family extends heartfelt condolences to the Shah family at the untimely demise of Vipul B. Shah, a young BV parent from CMLA R1 Session, who passed away suddenly on November 9, 2014.

Mr. Shah was 41 and is survived by his wife and two young children aged 7 and 10 years. He was also a Language Teacher (Gujarati) at Rameshwaram.

As Chinmaya Family, it is our prime duty and also an obligation to give timely help to the bereaved family. Any financial contribution towards the scholarship fund set up for his two children will be of great help to the Shah family. Click the following link to extend help: <http://www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/memorial-for-vipul-shah-scholarship-fund-for-his-children/261444>

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